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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: PHENYLAZOLE COMPOUNDS,  
PRODUCTION PROCESS AND  
ANTIOXIDANTS

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Examiner: Noble E. Jarrell

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In a Restriction Requirement dated January 9, 2008, the Examiner requires election of one of the following groups of claims for continued prosecution on the merits:

- Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) where variables B, D, and o are defined as B-1, formula (1a), benzofuran, and 0 (zero), respectively;
- Group II: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) where variables B, D, and Z are defined as B-3, formula (1a), and benzofuran, respectively;
- Group III: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) where variables B, D, Z, and o are defined as B-1, formula (1a), chromane, and 0 (zero), respectively;
- Group IV: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) where variables B, D, and Z are defined as B-2, formula (1a), and chromane, respectively;
- Group V: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) where variables B, D, Z, and o are defined as B-1, formula (1a), benzofuran, and 2, respectively;

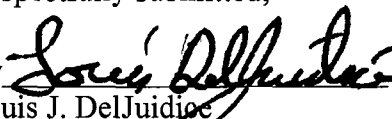
- Group VI: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) where variables B, D, Z, and o are defined as B-1, formula (1a), benzofuran, and 1 (one), respectively;
- Group VII: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) where variables B, D, Z, and o are defined as B-1, formula (1a), chromane, and 1 (one), respectively;
- Group VIII: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) where variables B, D, and Z are defined as B-2, formula (1a), and chromane, respectively; and
- Group IX: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) not covered by groups 1-VIII.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group VI, claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula (1) where variables B, D, Z, and o are defined as B-1, formula (1a), benzofuran, and 1 (one), respectively, without traverse.

Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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